

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 34, lines 3-4, as follows:

Figure 6 is the nucleic acid sequence and protein sequence of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* cdc27A proteins (CDC27A1 and CDC27A2) useful for the methods of the present invention. This figure also shows the partial nucleic acid and protein sequences of *Oryza sativa* CDC27 and *Saccharum sp.* CDC27; and *Zea Mays*, *Sorgum bicolor* and *Triticum aestivum* EST nucleotides and EST protein translations.